

## LITERARY NOTES.

The "Century" proposes to illustrate the "Life of Lincoln" by Colonel Hay and Mr. Nicolay, portraits, fac-similes and certain ideal pictures being introduced.

General T. F. Rodenough has prepared what promises to be an admirable book for young people in the shape of a history of "Uncle Sam's Medal of Honor," the only authorized military decoration for valor in this country. G. P. Putnam's Sons will publish the book.

The new collection of stories which Miss Jewett has just published through the firm of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., under the title of "A White Heron," has a beautiful cover of white, sage-green and gold—beautiful but almost delicate for handling. It was designed by a lady, Mrs. Henry Whitman.

The motto of Miss Cleveland's "Literary Life" is "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good," and the motto she fears its contributors are likely to forget. "There will be," she says in the September number, "a broad and I fear, a genial smile upon the universal editorial face—I mean the consolidated countenance of the whole pack and parcel of human editors as I confide to them this fear, this suspicion, this first failure of confidence in the perfect unanimity of sin between editor and contributor." The editor of experience will laugh. "Hinc illas facinus?" For there is no smile upon the face of the editor of inexperience. There is to her a tearing shattering of her dear ideal, a fearful scattering of her fondest hopes, in this intimation of something short of a lack of absolute oneness between herself and her contributors. She weeps, she weeps her face; she hopes, she dreams; she gasps at the thin air into which the ideal referred to seems to be about to locate; she prostrates herself upon the sands of that vast deep wherein the above-mentioned hopes seem about to alight. It is all in vain. The contributor declines to accept our motto when applied by us to his contribution. The contributor sends us all things. We prove them. Our proving prevents us in many cases from holding fast to them. The law of the survival of the fittest takes on its calm, undeviating course. But its consequences are fatal. At present I can say no more.

"A Century of Electricity" is the title of a book which Professor T. C. Mendenhall has written and which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. will publish. The title indicates the contents.

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